



March 13 **Elk Viewing Tours**

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park
75 Theatre Court
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Times vary, call park for times.

Jenny Wiley is located in Prestonsburg, off US 23/460 on KY 3. From I-64 West take the Mountain Parkway exit. From I-64. East take the US 23 South Exit, From I-75 North, take the Hal Rogers Parkway exit. From I-75 south, take the I-64 East exit. Elk were introduced to Kentucky beginning in 1997 as a restoration project. Prior to the release, elk had been gone from Kentucky. The tours occur on vans on reclaimed surface mined areas. Tour price is \$20 per adult and \$10 for children under 12.

Contact: Trinity Shephard, trinity.shephard@ky.gov
Web: <http://www.parks.ky.gov>
Phone: 800-325-0142 or 606-889-1790
Nearby: Kentucky Mountain Arts Theater in Prestonsburg.

March 13 - 14, March 20 - 21 **Elk Viewing Tours**

Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park
4441 KY Highway 1833
Buckhorn, KY 41721

Times vary, call for times.

The resort is 25 miles northwest of Hazard, or 124 miles southeast of Lexington. From I-75 north, exit to I-64 east, exit at the Mountain Parkway, then exit at Campton and take KY 15 south, to KY 28 west. From I-75 south, exit at the Daniel Boone Parkway, then exit to KY 15 north to KY 28 west. From I-64 east or west, exit at the Mountain Parkway, then exit at Campton and take KY 15 south, to KY 28 west. From KY 28 west, turn onto KY 1833 to park entrance. View the magnificent elk that were re-introduced back into Kentucky in the beautiful Eastern Kentucky setting. Hundreds of Elk are often seen during the tours. Wear warm and dry clothing and boots. Package of \$150.00 per couple includes lodging and dinner the night before

your scheduled Elk Watch with a bag breakfast and transportation to and from the elk site. Stay an extra night with the package for \$50.00.

Contact: Sue Thomas, sue.thomas@ky.gov

Web: <http://www.parks.ky.gov>

Phone: 800-325-0058 or 606-398-7510

Nearby: Daniel Boone National Forest, camping, hiking, backpacking, fishing, canoeing, kayaking.

March 13

Wilderness Survival

John James Audubon State Park
3100 US Hwy. 41 N
Henderson, KY 42419

12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

The park is located on US 41 in the northern outskirts of Henderson, one-half mile S of the US \$! Bridge over the Ohio River. Have you ever tried to make a fire without matches, find your way in the forest, or build a temporary shelter? Youths ages 10-16 will practice these survival skills while learning how to make use of the surrounding resources.

Contact: Julie McDonald, juliea.mcdonald@ky.gov

Web: <http://www.parks.ky.gov>

Phone: 270-826-2247

Nearby: Orchestra Kentucky Presents: "Beatles Madness" Henderson Fine Arts Center on 3/13 at 7:30 pm.

March 13

Being Aldo Leopold

Research Center Library - Bernheim Arboretum & Research Forest
P. O. Box 130
Clermont, KY 40110

10:00 am – Noon

Explore your connections to nature through the writings of renowned conservationist Aldo Leopold. This adult-oriented program includes a copy of A Sand County Almanac, one of the most respected ecology/conservation books of all time. Members, \$20, non-members, \$25; Advance registration and payment required.

Web: <http://bernheim.org>

Phone: 502-955-8512

March 15 - May 15

D Bar K Horse Camp Rental

D Bar K Horse Camp Rental
510 Ollie Rd.
Mammoth Cave, KY 42259

9 am - 4 pm, call for reservations.

I-65 south, Bonnieville exit, right off ramp, take 31 W, go 1/2 mile turn left on 728 to 1827 for 6 miles, Turn left Ollie Rd, 1/2 m on rt. Come ride the Mammoth Cave National Park on Horseback. 20% spring break discount! 20% discount during spring break! Enhance a visit to your ride and visit the longest cave in the world!

Contact: Debbie King, debbieking@dbarkhorsecamp.com
Web: <http://www.dbarkhorsecamp.com>
Phone: 270-286-0217
Cell: 601-201-0112

March 15 - May 15 **Saddle Up Elk Tours**

Call for reservations, morning or evening tours.

Trailhead is located at the intersection of Beech Road and Highway 80 (mile marker 2) in Knott County. Directly across from Highway 3209; From Hazard travel 10 miles east on Highway 80 or from Prestonsburg travel approximately 30 miles west on Highway 80. From Whitesburg take Highway 15 north to Highway 160, turn right and follow 160 through Hindman, to Highway 80 turn left (west) and then travel 6 miles to trailhead. Saddle Up Elk Tours offers 2 ½ hour guided trail rides through elk country to view elk and other wildlife by horseback. Ride through wooded areas, streams and on reclaimed strip mine land. Enjoy mountaintop panoramic views, spring wildflowers along with the redbud and dogwood trees in full bloom. Students will receive \$5.00 off during spring break March 15 - April 30, 2010.

Contact: Bernice Amburgey, beha726@hotmail.com
Web: <http://www.trailsrus/saddleuptours>
Phone: 606-642-3656

March 18 - May 20 **Tai Chi Chuan at Bernheim**

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Education Center, Bernheim Arboretum & Research Forest
P. O. Box 130
Clermont, KY 40110

Dr. M.O. Serikali continues his popular ten-week class series at Bernheim's Education Center beginning Thursday, March 18. The ten-session class meets each Thursday evening from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. The last session of this series will be on Thursday, May 20. The class combines instruction for beginning (Yang Style thirteen posture

Wudan Form) and intermediate (Yang Style twenty-four posture Beijing Form) students. Join the series any time prior to the start of the April 8 class. Members, \$85.00; non-members \$100.

Web: <http://bernheim.org>
Phone: 502-955-8512

March 19

Bernheim at Night: Planets, Stars and Stories in the Sky

6:30 pm – 10:00 pm, no cars admitted after 9:00 pm.

Garden Pavillion, Bernheim Arboretum & Research Forest
P. O. Box 130
Clermont, KY 40110

Powerful telescopes reveal the visual splendor of the night sky over Bernheim. The Louisville Astronomical Society will captivate you and your child with springtime "star stories" and views of the moon and two planets, Saturn and Jupiter. Members, \$5 per car; non-members, \$10 per car.

Web: <http://bernheim.org>
Phone: 502-955-8512

March 19 - 21

Woods Lore and Tracking Weekend

Times vary, call park for times.

Carter Caves State Resort Park
344 Caveland Dr.
Olive Hill, KY 41164

From I-64 east. Take exit #161 (Olive Hill exit). Turn left off the exit onto US 60 east. Go approximately 2 miles and turn left on KY 182 north. Park entrance is 3 miles from the left turn onto KY 182 north. From I-64 west. Take exit #161 (Second Olive Hill exit). Turn right off the exit onto US 60 east. Go approximately 2 miles and turn left on KY 182 north. Park entrance is 3 miles from the left turn onto KY 182 north. From Cincinnati: Take 275 east to the Wilder exit. You are now on the AA highway (Rt. 9). Follow the AA through Maysville and Vanceburg. At Vanceburg you will go through 2 caution lights, several miles out of Vanceburg you will see another set of caution lights. Turn right onto South 9. (You are still on the AA highway) Follow South 9 for 12 miles to another set of caution lights, turn right onto Rt. 7 & Rt. 2. Follow Rt. 7 to Carter City, turn left onto Rt. 2. Follow Rt. 2 to Rt. 182. Follow Route 182 to the park entrance. The park entrance is on the right at the bottom of a long curvy hill.

Drive Time: Approximately 2 hours 45 minutes.

Step back in time, when American Indians and European Americans lived closer to nature. Paw print identification, hunting/gathering, tracking walks, fur trade, scavenger hunt, a medicinal/edible/useful plants program, and a native supper. Day and overnight packages are available. Call for pricing. Pre-registration is required, call the park to make your reservations.

Contact: Coy Ainsley, coy.ainsley@ky.gov

Web: <http://www.parks.ky.gov>

Phone: 800-325-0059 or 606-286-4411

Nearby: Greenbo Lake State Resort Park. Hiking, canoeing, kayaking, bird watching, camping, etc.

March 27 - 28

Beginners Backpacking Workshop

Times vary, call park for times.

Natural Bridge State Resort Park
2135 Natural Bridge Road
Slade, KY 40376

The resort is 52 miles southeast of Lexington off the Mountain Parkway on KY 11. Enjoy the beauty of Natural Bridge and the Red River Gorge area while learning the basics of Leave No Trace backpacking! The overnight trip is 8-10 miles round-trip.

Contact: Tyler Morgan, Tyler.Morgan@ky.gov

Web: , www.parks.ky.gov

Phone: 800-325-1710 or 606-663-2214

Nearby: Red River Gorge National Geological Area. Rappelling, rock climbing, hiking, fishing, backpacking, canoeing, kayaking, mountain biking, etc. Kentucky Zipline Adventures in Clay City. Visit <http://www.kentuckyzips.com>

March 27

Adventure Pennyrile Forest

Times vary, call park for times.

Pennyrile State Resort Park
20781 Pennyrile Lodge Road
Dawson Springs, KY 42408

The resort is 20 miles northwest of Hopkinsville, on KY 109 N. From the Western Kentucky Parkway, exit at Dawson Springs and take KY 109 south. Hike half of the Pennyrile Nature Trail for a registration fee of \$12 per person. Registration fee includes: transportation, water, snack and a State Park patch. The hike is over 6 miles. Participants can get a 10% discount off park lodging.

Contact: Becky Clark, RebeccaE.Clark@ky.gov

Web: <http://www.parks.ky.gov>

Phone: 800-325-1711 or 270-797-3421

Nearby: Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area. Camping, hiking, backpacking, canoeing, boating, fishing, mountain biking, etc - Within 1 hour drive. Pennyryle State Forest, Lake Barkley and Kentucky Dam State Resort Parks.

March 27 & April 17

Tygart Creek Regretta

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344 Caveland Dr.
Olive Hill, KY 41164

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Drive Time: Approximately 2 hours 45 minutes.

A 6-mile canoe excursion. Canoe experience is required! Along the way we will see high cliff sides and the natural beauty that the spring has to offer. Canoes, paddles, life jackets and transportation to and from the creek are provided. The cost is \$25 per person.

Contact: Coy Ainsley, Coy.Ainsley@ky.gov
Web: <http://www.parks.ky.gov>
Phone: 800-325-0059 or 606-286-4411
Nearby: Greenbo Lake State Resort Park. Hiking, canoeing, kayaking, bird watching, camping, etc.

March 29

Spring Break Camps at Life Adventure Center of the Bluegrass

8:30 am - 4 pm

Life Adventure Center of the Bluegrass
570 Milner Rd.
Versailles, KY 40383

Adventure Camp: Spend the day in the woods and in the trees on our ropes course!
Ages 9-12 / \$35 per camper. Scholarships available – please inquire.

Contact: Beth Coffey, beth@lacbg.com
Web: <http://www.lacbg.com>
Phone: 859-873-3271

March 30

Spring Break Camps at Life Adventure Center of the Bluegrass

8:30 am - 4 pm

Life Adventure Center of the Bluegrass
570 Milner Rd.
Versailles, KY 40383

Beginner Rider Camp: Spend the day with our horses- learning the basics in the morning and riding in the afternoon! Ages 7-14 / \$50 per camper. Scholarships available – please inquire.

Contact: Beth Coffey, beth@lacbg.com
Web: <http://www.lacbg.com>
Phone: 859-873-3271

March 31

Spring Break Camps at Life Adventure Center of the Bluegrass

8:30 am - 4 pm

Life Adventure Center of the Bluegrass
570 Milner Rd.
Versailles, KY 40383

Advanced Rider Camp: Riders will be involved in advanced flatwork, jumping outside of the arena, and trail riding. Ages 11-16 / \$50 per camper. Scholarships available – please inquire.

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Phone: 859-873-3271

April 9 - 11

Barren River's Family Night Out (side)

Times vary, call park for times.

Barren River Lake State Resort Park
1149 State Park Road
Lucas, KY 42156

The resort is located 44 miles southeast of Bowling Green. Take I-65 to the Cumberland Parkway east, to US 31E south. Learn outdoor skills for camping, hunting, fishing many outdoor adventures. Designed primarily for families, this is an excellent opportunity for anyone if - you are a beginning camping family who wants to improve their skills. A package includes 2 nights camping, a campfire dinner on Saturday night and the scheduled activities. Pre-registration is required. Call for pricing.

Contact: Lisa Deavers, Lisa.Deavers@ky.gov

Web: <http://www.parks.ky.gov>

Phone: 800-325-0057 or 270-646-2151

Nearby: Mammoth Cave National Park. Caves, hiking, canoeing, kayaking, camping, fishing, etc.

April 10

Michael Tygart Hike

9 am – approximately 2 pm

Greenbo Lake State Resort Park
965 Lodge Road
Greenup, KY 41144

Greenbo Lake is on KY 1711, four miles west of KY 1, 18 miles north of I-64 from the Grayson exit. Directions from I-64 west bound. Take the Industrial park exit (RT 67), drive approximately 8 miles to the RT 207 exit, take a left onto 207, drive 3 miles to RT. 1 take a left and travel approximately 5 miles to the park entrance which is 1711. Directions from I-64 east bound. Take exit 172 (KY-1/KY-7) towards Grayson/Maysville. Keep left at the fork, follow signs for CR-AA/KY-9/Maysville. Turn left at KY-1/KY-7. Continue to follow KY-1 for approximately 14.6 miles. Turn left at KY-1711 and follow KY-1711 to the park entrance. Directions from southeastern Ohio: take Hwy 23 (known as The Country Music Highway). Turn right at RT 1 in Greenup, Ky and travel approximately 7 miles to 1711 which is the entrance to Greenbo Lake State Resort Park. The moderately easy trek leads past a mid-19th century iron furnace, historic cemetery, and iron ore pits, descends into Pruitt Fork Valley, site of several pioneer homes and numerous wildflowers, and concludes along the scenic lakeshore.

Contact: Paul Verespy, Paul.Verespy@ky.gov

Web: <http://www.parks.ky.gov>

Phone: 800-325-0083 or 606-473-7324

Nearby: Carter Caves State Resort Park, caves, hiking, canoeing, kayaking, bird watching, camping, etc.

April 10

Canoeing for Beginners

Times vary, call park for times.

Natural Bridge State Resort Park
2135 Natural Bridge Road
Slade, KY 40376

The resort is 52 miles southeast of Lexington off the Mountain Parkway on KY 11. Learn the basics of canoeing on Mill Creek Lake at Natural Bridge and then experience river canoeing on the beautiful Red River within the Red River Gorge. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Registration fee of \$30.

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Web: <http://www.parks.ky.gov>

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April 10 - April 11 **Ramp Fest & ATV Ride**

Ramp Fest is April 10 at 5 pm, ATV Ride starts April 11 at 9:30 am.

Trail Head in Evarts KY
122 Walnut St.

Less than 90 minutes from I-75, using Hwy 25E to Pineville, Ky, Hwy 119 to Harlan, Ky and Hwy 38 to Evarts, Ky. Come try the unique taste of our "Wild Mtn Onions" along with a full line of "Kountry Kookin" side dishes and desserts. Like outdoor motorized recreation, then you will love our ATV Park we have over 7500 acres of easy, moderate, and extreme trails for all, grab a map and go it alone or fall in line with one of our FREE guided rides. Permits are required to ride the Park, @ \$35.00 per year. No Fee for our guided rides.

Contact: bellman30@windstream.net

Web: <http://www.ridgerunnersnation.com>

Phone: 877-737-0778 or 606-837-3710

April 17 **Redbud Bicycle Ride**

7 am registration, 8 am start.

Downtown London, Kentucky

View the best scenery that Kentucky has to offer, including one of the top 10 redbud sight-seeing routes in the state! Registration includes breakfast, a tee shirt (if registered before April 7th and as supplies last for later registration), cue sheets and maps, well stocked rest stops, and sag support. Registration is only \$25 before April 7th and \$30 after April 7th. There will be SAG stops approximately every 15 miles where snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Contact: info@redbudride.com
Web: <http://www.redbudride.com>
Phone: 606-877-2859

April 23 - 25

Barren River Nature Fest Weekend

Times vary, call park for times.

Barren River Lake State Resort Park
1149 State Park Road
Lucas, KY 42156

The resort is located 44 miles southeast of Bowling Green. Take I-65 to the Cumberland Parkway east, to US 31E south. Join us for a sampling of everything outdoors. There will be activities for all ages. Prior event activities have included: canoeing, bird watching, nature hikes, nature crafts, composting and more. There will be 15 -20 different activities to participate in. Spend the weekend with us in the campground where you can camp 2 nights for the price of 1 during our campers appreciation weekend.

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Nearby: Mammoth Cave National Park. Caves, hiking, canoeing, kayaking, camping, fishing, etc.